

RANCHO PICO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

DRESS AND GROOMING CODE

2009-10 School Year

The administration and staff at Rancho Pico Junior High School believe that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a safe and productive learning environment. Our dress code is enforced any time a student is on the Rancho Pico campus. We expect students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Student clothing must not present a health or safety hazard, or any distraction which would interfere with the educational process. Please review the following dress code with your student:

1. Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers may not be worn.
2. No bare midriffs or chest. Clothes shall conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder, strapless, or low cut tops and bare midriffs are prohibited.
3. No excessively baggy or sagging pants/shorts are allowed. Rubber bands or ties around pants legs are not allowed. Pants, shorts and skirts must be worn at the waist. Cargo pants with large pockets, and over-sized sweat pants are not permitted. Belt tips may not hang. Pants and shorts with tears and holes are not permitted. Sleepwear (pajamas, etc.) may not be worn.
4. Skirts/shorts/pants must display clean hemlines (no long frays), and fit sensibly. Skirts, shorts, or skorts may not be shorter than the thumb when arms are extended to side, allowing students to move safely and modestly.
5. Clothing that advocates drugs, alcohol, tobacco or disruptive/illegal activities are prohibited. This includes images of weapons or violence.
6. Clothing and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, violent, profane, or sexually suggestive or which advocates any form of prejudice. Clothes (or books and other materials) will be confiscated if they have old-English or tagging-style writing or markings.
7. No hoods, hats, knit caps (beanies), scarves, bandanas, wigs, hair paint, or hair rollers are to be worn on campus. Approved Rancho Pico headwear may be purchased in the student store for use on campus. Headwear must be worn as intended and may not be worn in the classroom.
8. Accessories such as safety pins, heavy chains, and jewelry with dangerous points or spikes, are prohibited.
9. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Student dress and grooming must be safe, clean, modest, and conducive to educational pursuits.

Violation of the above provisions of the student dress code will result in confiscation for release to parents of the inappropriate clothing item(s). Items should be claimed within five school days to insure their safe return. Items left for an extended period of time will be considered abandoned and will be donated to charity. Disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, warnings, conferences, parent contacts, paper pick-up, referral room assignments, detention, Saturday School and suspension will be employed, as necessary, to ensure compliance with this policy.